

S-445
Lydia Cottman House
Upper Hill
Private

c. 1900-1920

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: S-445

MHT Inventory Number: LYDIA COTTMAN HOUSE

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-445

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic LYDIA COTTMAN HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 27746 Waters Lane ☐ not for publication

city, town Upper Hill ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Edward Curtis

street & number 1101 Quebec Street telephone no.:

city, town Silver Spring state and zip code MD 20903

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 357

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 206

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Commonly identified as the Raymond Curtis house, and historically known as the Lydia Cottman house, this two-story, three-bay single-pile frame dwelling stands at 27746 Waters Lane on the western edge of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, center hall frame house faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating to around 1900-1920, this two-story, three-bay frame house is supported on a brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with a layer of asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story, one-bay by one room plan kitchen wing.

The south (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a single-story cross gabled porch sheltering the first floor. The cross gable and the ends of the porch roof are sheathed with fishscale shingles. Single-pane sash windows light the first and second floors. Piercing the roofline are a pair of stuccoed brick chimneys which flank the center hall. The base to the roof is trimmed with a boxed cornice.

The gable ends are alike with single one-over-one sash windows marking the first and second floors. The eaves are extended on each end with returns at the lower corners.

Covering a large portion of the main block's north wall is a two-story, one-bay by one room kitchen wing. An interior end brick chimney rises through the gable end. Extending the kitchen to the east is a two-story shed roofed addition, and a single-story shed addition enlarges the kitchen to the west.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

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PS-2746

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LYDIA COTTMAN HOUSE
27746 Waters Lane
Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland
Chain of title

318/226 Louis H. R. Weeks

 to

 Raymond E. Curtis
 Maggie V. Curtis
 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres

297/502 Ann Shumpert, a/k/a Ann Weeks

to

10/16/1975 Louis H. R. Weeks

241/180 Lettie Waters, widow

to

7/28/1967 Ann Shumpert (Ann Weeks)

George W. Waters, died intestate

to

Lettie Waters

WILL BOOK Last will and testament of
FED 35/122 Lydia Cottman

to

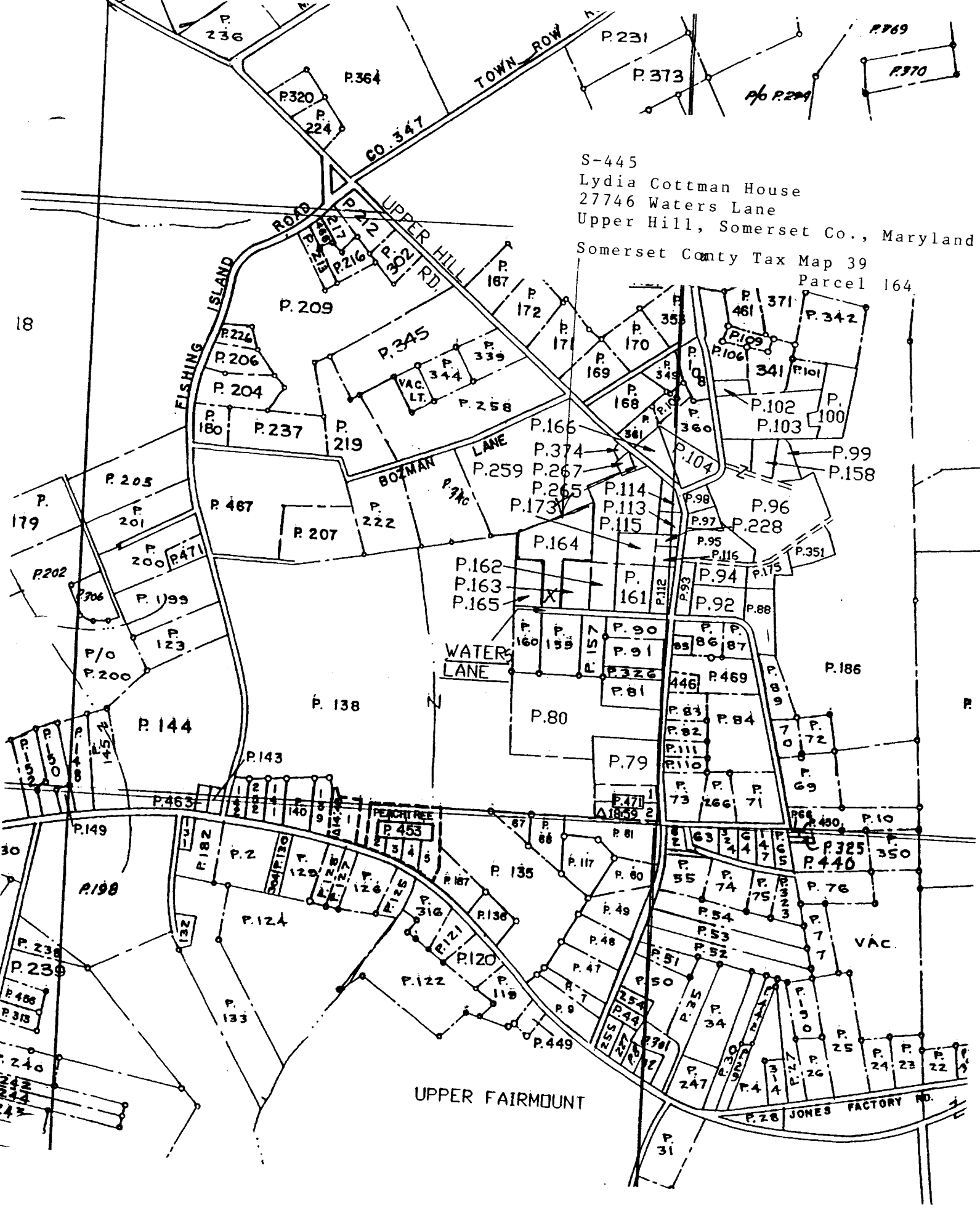
12/25/1932 Part, Mamie Cottman Jackson
 Part, George W. Waters
 Part, Cranston Waters
 Part, James Waters

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LYDIA COTTMAN HOUSE
Chain of title continued

JMT 113/367 Lydia Cottman, Upper Hill
to
5/12/1937 Mamie Cottman Jackson

WJS 85/597 Robert H. Jones
to
11/8/1921 Lydia Cottman
 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre

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Lydia Cottman House
27746 Waters Lane
Upper Hill, Somerset Co., Maryland
Somerset County Tax Map 39
Parcel 164



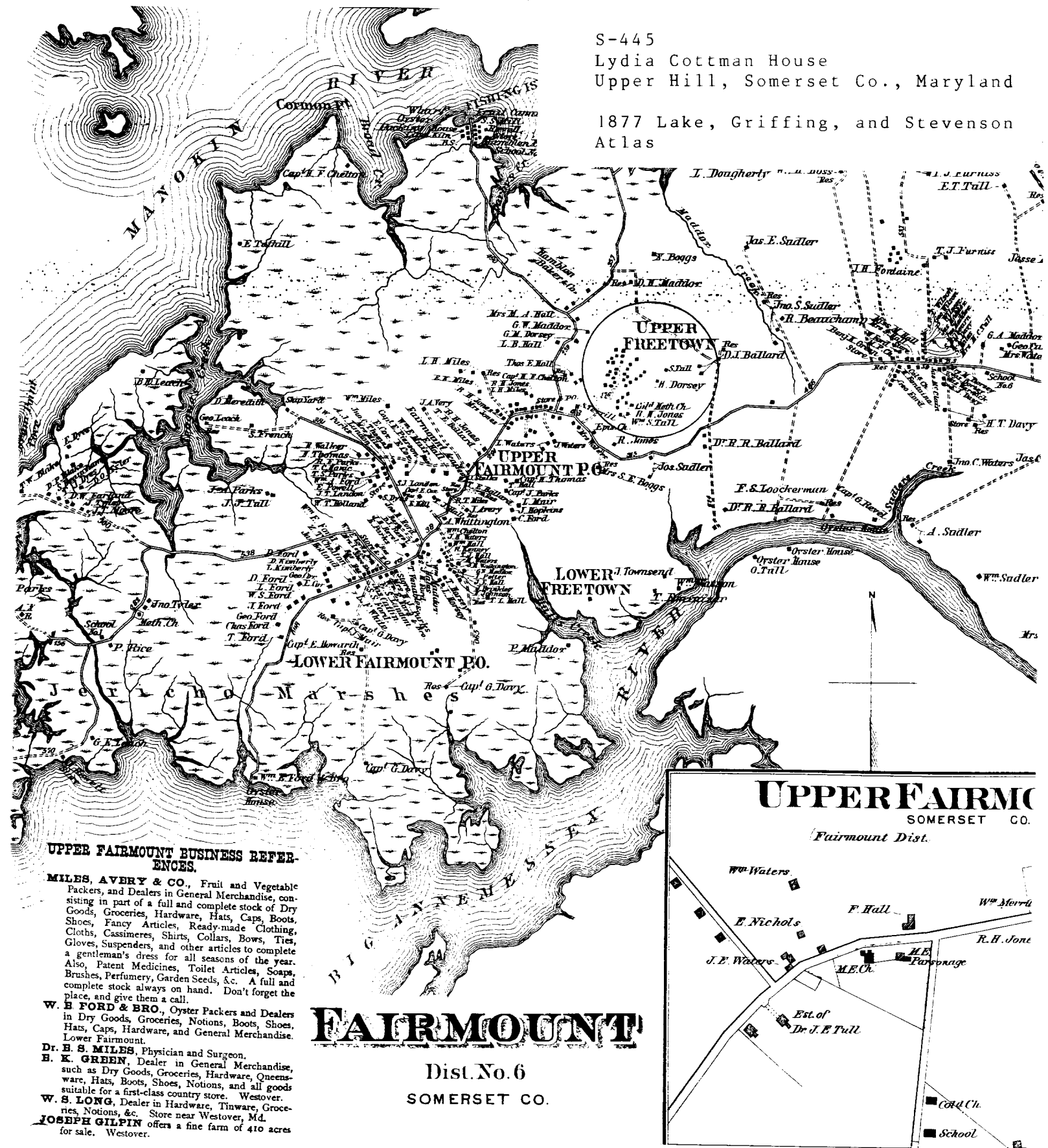
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1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson
Atlas



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MARYLAND—SOMERS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES ORTHOPHOTO

5860 III NE
(MONIE)

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47'30"

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Lydia Cottman House

Marion, Maryland Quadrangle
1972





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Lydia CUTMAN House

Upper Hill, Simonsen County, MO.

Southern - even road

6/95, Paul Toussaint photograph

Mo. / Mo. Historical Trust

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